

True Newes,  
Concerning the win-  
ning of the Towne of *Corbeyll*  
by the French King from the Prince  
of Parma,

*Which was doone on S. Martins euen  
at night last past. 1590.*

*Sent from Deepe to an English Gentleman.*



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**T**is not long since (my  
good friend) that I sent you  
word of the euill success which  
the French Kings forces had at  
the botte and severall assaults  
made by the Prince of Parma  
against the towne of Corbeyll,  
and the valiant resistance which  
the Subjects of the French King made against them.  
Where, after the saide Prince of Parma had brought  
his power, and placed his Cannons to batter the  
Towne of Corbeyll: the Townes men did generallye  
consent to fight it out, hauing before locked vp their  
Gates, and in the resistance slew many of the Prince  
of Parmas power, in thre hot and severall skirmishes.  
Nevertheless such was the weaknes of the said towne,  
men of Corbeyll, that they were constrained to come  
to the walles of the saide Towne, and to require par-  
ley with the Prince, and thereby seeing evidently that  
the Prince was strong and well furnished with men  
and munition, and byasse pices for battrey: they offered  
to yelde vp the saide Towne to the Prince, conditio-  
nally that he would graunt them their liues, and that  
they might departe with bagge and baggage: but the  
Prince of Parma contrarie to his former proceedings  
in the Lowe Countries, not only denyed them of this

their request, but also would to put them out of man,  
woman and child to the sword, his only reason was  
for that they had so long resisted him, and slain a great  
number of his best and most approved Souldiours in  
those three severall assaults: where upon the Citizens  
hearing the sentence of death pronounced against them,  
and perceiuing nothing would perswade him to save  
their lives, nor to take pittie of their wives and Chil-  
dren: they fell fiercely to the fourth and last skirmish,  
where they determined to die, or to be slain.

Then Drummes and Trumpets sounded forth the  
deadly points of Warre, and there began a most fierce  
and sharpe assault by both sides, which continued two  
howres together, where was great losse of blood on  
both sides, but in the end the Prince of Parma became  
victor, and winning the Towne by force, did put every  
living creature to the sword which was found there  
alike: this was a grievous slaughter, where people  
enhabiting and keeping the Towne to their Kings use,  
yet miserably put to the sword without any just cause.  
But herein no reason might serue, none might escape,  
nor none presently reliefe.

Now when the said Towne of Corbeyll was  
wonne, and the Inhabitants woefully put to the sword,  
the Duke caused many to fall to labour, and to fortifie  
againe the great breach with Stone, which by force  
of Cannon he had before made: and thereby went into  
the said Towne of Corbeyll: and ther-upon he imme-  
diately placed a garrison of chosen Souldiours in the  
said Towne, and so departed.

The Kinges Maestie of Fraunce hearing of the  
losse of this Towne, toke the same very graciously, es-  
pecially for the losse of so many of his good and faith-  
full Subjects slain in the same: whose lives he more  
esteemed

estimated (as he saide) then of terme such Townes, in respect wherof he vowed to reuenge the same so soon as time and occasion would serue.

Done after the Kings Maestie appointed Moun-  
sior de Cheuery being a brane man at armes, politticke  
and hardie, to make choise of some sufficient number,  
of his best and approved Souldiours, and to marche  
forward towards the said Towne of Corbeyll, giuing  
him charge to reuenge the great wrong befoze offered  
vpon his good subiects, by those Wallons and Spanisly  
souldiours, planted like blarpers in garrison to defend  
and keepe the said Towne to the vs of the Prince of  
Parma: which to performe, the saide Mounsier de Che-  
uery let slippe no good occasion that might be offered, for  
in the euening befoze S. Martins day last past, the saide  
Mounsier de Cheuery knowing it was a night of great  
quaffing observed among the Wallons and those in  
Garrison, that and would not goe forward or come be-  
foze the said Towne untill it were moze towards the  
dead of the night, whereby those in the towne had no  
cause of doubt, and therfoze drunke freely: but about  
twelue of the Clock that night, the Kinges power  
came befoze the saide towne, which being secretly down  
like men vnlooked for: suddainly made a fierce & strong  
assault vpon the same, and practised by force and polli-  
cie the recovery therof againe: now the Wallons and  
Spanisly Garrison inclosed within the saide town, ha-  
uing drunke hard most parte of the day, and then vpon  
a sodaine to be wakened out of their dead slape by the  
thundring shot that made great breaches and wayes  
for the Kings Souldiours to enter the said towne, ran  
as halfe desperate to the walles and made a very for-  
ceable resistance which continued all that night, neuer  
thelesse by seauen of the clock the next morning the

Totene was wonne again vnto the King by force, the Kings power entred in at the same breach which the Prince had before entred, so that whatsoeuer the pince of Parma might doe, it could not preuaile, though bearing thereof, he sent a power of Spaniards to succour them, which came to late, and were glad to get them gone for feare of their lines.

Thus by valiant encounter the saide Monsieur de Cheuery with his souldiers entred the Towne the next morning, where were found slaine by that fight 2. hundred Burgonians and 300. Spaniards, besides 400. which were taken prisoners, and still remaine in the saide Towne, who must paye well for their ranne, some ere they departe.

In this Towne the Kings souldiours found 200. fatte Oren, fower hundred sheepe, leaning some slaine some best, and some aliue.

There was also taken 4. bzazen pices, and 2. Cannons readye charged, many Spanish Ensignes, which but latelie had bene displayed in and about the saide Towne of Corbeyll in triumphe of the saide victorie, and done in despite of the Kings Maestie of Fraunce: were now taken, and those that did display and defend the same, were every man taken prisoner or slaine, so that not one man escaped to tell the newes to his fauourers in other places.

Thus was the town of Corbeyll wonne again and entred into by force of the Kings power, in despite of the pince of Parma, Duke de maine, or any other their associates: And such is the dayly labour of the souldiours in the same towne to fortifie and rampier it, that the enemye shall hardly get it in haste.

**G**od be thanked very few of the Kings souldiours were slaine in this skirmish, nor no man of name  
or speci,

as speciall account. On the enemies side besides the  
 number aforesaide: there was slaine Cheuallier de  
 Aumall, who was one of the most chafest warriors  
 on the Leagers side: this Cheuallier de Aumall had  
 provided great store of victualles intending there-  
 with to haue victualled the Cittie of Paris, which yet  
 standes distressed, but he was not onely intercepted of  
 the saide victuaile, but also of his life: Mounsier de  
 Cheuery seeing what good successe it had pleased God to  
 send him, humblye gaue thanks vnto almighty God  
 with all his Soulbours. And forthwith sent newes  
 thereof vnto the King, who reioyced for his  
 good successe, and humblye gaue thanks  
 vnto God also for the  
 same.

**FINIS.**

